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Subject: How I'm going to answer Will. RE: Task Order request for Lowerline
Attachments: ER IGCE Template YR 3 lowerline.xlsx

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Sent: Friday, May 17, 2019 11:27 AM
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Subject: RE: Task Order request for Lowerline

Hey Greg,

Okay, there's still a lot missing. I tried just filling in the missing sources and matching assumptions to costs, but there's too much and it will take me too long. I need you to go in and add more info.

- There's only one source listed for security, command post, and barricades – needs three

The security and command posts sources are not individual companies. They are associations, consortiums or other industry groups who provide an average or range for the goods or services. So, by getting the quotes from there, it represents many sources. The amounts are typically based on zip code or locations. That would take in delivery, union requirements, etc.

The barricades are \$16 per, is it really prudent for GS 13s and 14s to seek additional quotes for something that will not appear in the rounding?

- There's no PPE breakout on the assumptions tab; where did the \$39,600 come from?

Ok, I've gone in and looked up the prices available on the GSA Advantage system. Using the structure in the Assumptions, it is lower now. That has several flaws, not everybody uses the same sized suits, gloves, booties, so you end up with more partial boxes than the assumptions are built to handle. There is always waste that is generated when the various PPE gets torn or just doesn't look right, so another pair of gloves comes out. Or a pair is used after decon to move somethings. Etc.

- No assumptions for utilities

The utilities were probably listed too generically. There will be no running water, no gas, no city supplied electricity, etc. A generator will be rented to supply electricity to the command posts and charging the meters, fans, etc.. The generator required for that service is \$3400 for that time period.

- Traffic control cost (\$10/day) doesn't match assumptions (\$16/day or \$95/wk); still needs two more sources

The \$10 versus \$16 has now been corrected and both are \$16 per day.

- Security cost (\$25/hr) is assumed at high end of armed guard? Still needs two more sources

The source used is not a company or a city, it is based on a range for that service. Cost Helper is a private, non-profit organization using information from a number of sources.

- No source for waste containers (screenshot has no price); need three sources

The only price source I could find was from an OSC in Region 7 who has done one in the past few years. He seemed to remember the \$750 per box. The companies who make the boxes were not responsive to questions about the costs.

The other thing is that until the waste is analyzed, profiled and approved, it will not be known if the material has to go into boxes, drum, regular roll-offs, or Strong-tight roll-offs. It depends on the activity of the radiation, the moisture content, the matrix of the material, as well as how it will be accepted about the disposal company as brokered.

Basically, every cost element on the Assumptions tab needs to be reflected on the IGCE tab, and Latrice's requirement is that every cost element needs to be tied to three sources in the assumptions.

The requirement to get three sources is unethical. We are asking vendors or subcontractors to spend time and money to produce quotes that have no expectation of award. It also has negative results when the Prime contractor also seeks a quote from the same vendors or subcontractors. It leads to confusion by the bidder, a reluctance to submit a bid that would from their perspective would compete with their previous bid, and a frustration that they had already done the work. Because of a plethora of contract clauses that must be passed down, as well as the Prime contractor's business requirements, any quote obtained in the process of compiling an IGCE may not be valid or representative. There are a number of other problems with soliciting quotes when we will not be the one to purchase or contract for them.

As stated in EPAAR, there are several types of acquisition that don't require bidding, or the inclusion of flow down clauses. Those include well drilling, fence erecting, plumbing, utility hookups, security guard services, or electrical services.

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Here is a revised IGCE. And the list that I had to do to explain the \$1000 per day costs.

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Hi Greg,

The IGCE needs additional info added. Specifically, it needs to show three sources for all cost elements of the T&D, restoration, subcontracts (e.g. security, command post, etc.) and specialized equipment estimated costs. It also need to show one source for the flight estimates. Please add this info and send it back to me. Thanks!

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Approved yesterday, 4/18/19, by Division Director Edlund as an Emergency Response. The verbal ceiling approved was \$1,000,000. Attached are the request for a Task Order, a Statement of Work, and an IGCE.